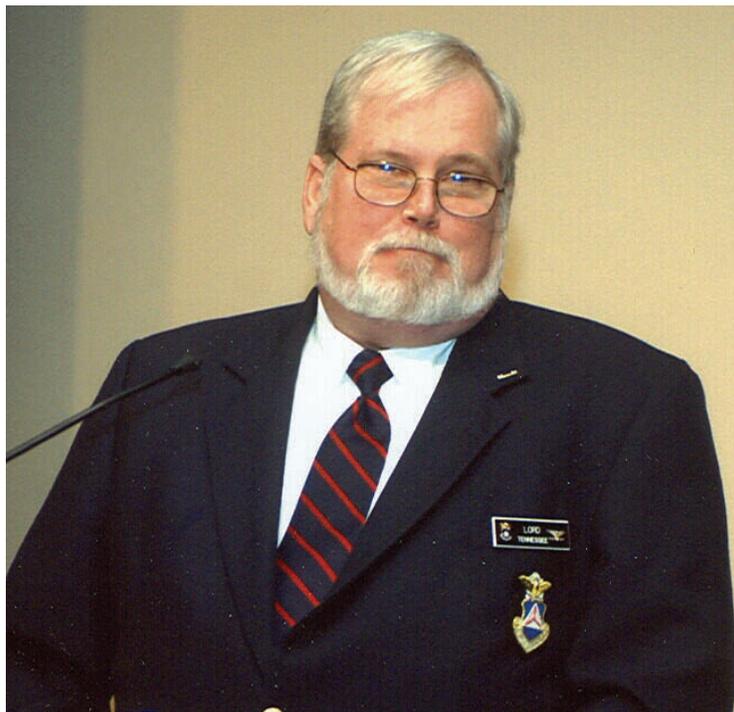


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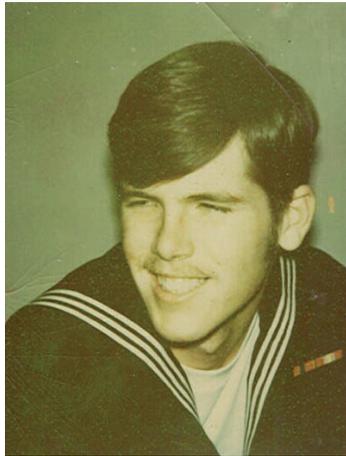


Colonel William Lord

Civil Air Patrol – 134394

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Group 2 – Tennessee Wing



Young Bill Lord joined the Navy in 1971 .
Bill passed his check ride with Ms. Evelyn Johnson (an aviation legend and CAP member) in April 1991 .
By May 1992, looking for a good use of his pilot license, he joined the Cleveland Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol that was commanded by then Capt. David Walker.

Lt. Lord was appointed Tennessee Wing Director of Safety in January 1993 and in August of 1994 was recognized and awarded the National Safety Officer of the Year at National Boards in New Orleans. He went on to become Southeast Region Safety Officer under then Col. Richard L. Bowling.

Lt. Col. Lord took a couple of years off from CAP and pursued an instrument flying certificate and spent time flying and visiting family in the Midwest.



By 2001, he was ready to return to CAP and again joined the CAP in Cleveland under Lt. Col. Barry Melton. When the Chattanooga members split off to form their own unit, Lt. Col. Lord was asked to join Tennessee Wing staff as Inspector General.

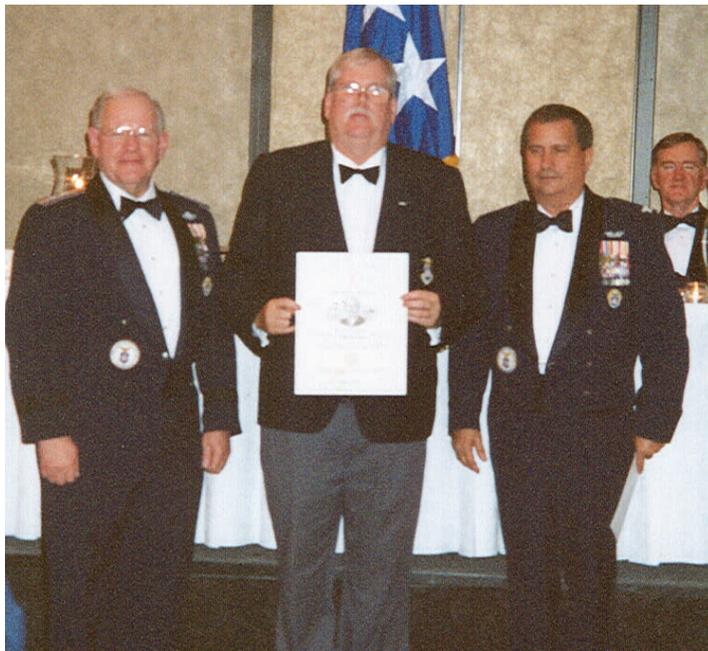
In the summer of 2002, then Brigadier General Richard L. Bowling asked Lt. Col. Lord to serve as the first volunteer National Safety Officer. In November 2002 he was promoted to Colonel for his services as National Safety Officer. During his time as National Safety Officer, he also served on the National Safety and Operations committees.

Bill completed his senior member training by attending National Staff College in September 2003. He was presented certificate number 2208 of the Gill Robb Wilson Award at the Southeast Region Conference in Atlanta that same month.





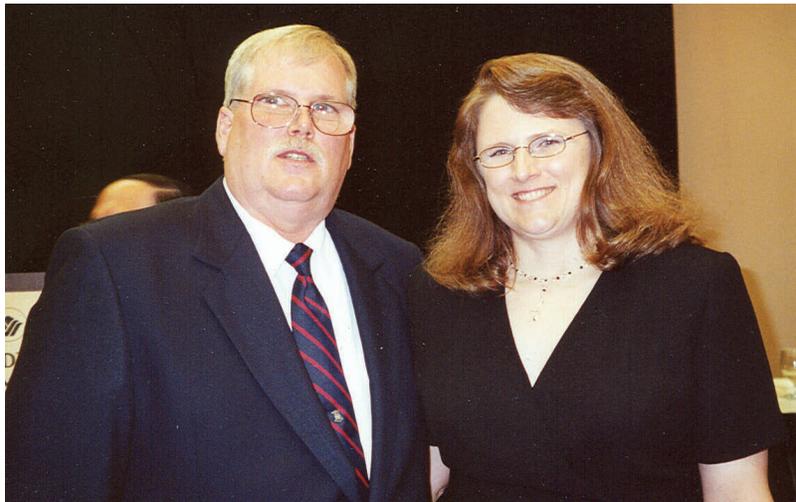
Bill served as National Safety Officer until Major General Bowling's retirement as National Commander in August 2004. At that time he was asked to be interim Group II Commander. Col. Lord stepped down from Group II command in February 2006.



Over the years, Col. Lord has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Exceptional Service Award with clusters, Meritorious Service Award, Commander's Commendations with clusters, Leadership Award with four silver stars, and a Disaster Service award with V to name just a few.

Col. Lord has been instrumental in promoting and facilitating emergency services training in Group II. Group II has always been a leader in the Wing in technology and quality of members and Col. Lord has furthered the reputation of the group.

Col. Lord has already been tasked to serve on the National Professional Development and Operations Committees. He will continue to serve Lt. Col. Melton as an advisor to the commander.



Choo Choo Squadron wishes to thank "Col. Bill's "wife and fellow CAP officer Melinda Lord for providing the photos and information for this document.



Now this is how most of us think of Bill Lord.....

Choo Choo also wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the time, dedication, training, and personal attention provided by “Col. Bill” in helping to get our unit started and grounded.

As this meeting is occurring Choo Choo Squadron is not a year old yet and the main reason Choo Choo Squadron has been as successful as we have to date is due to the time and efforts of “Col. Bill” and Melinda.

Thanks Col. Bill!!

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